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Pages 2-7 and pages 138-153 of the Notice of Opposition against European Patent No. EP 1 545 920 by Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems GmbH dated January 9, 2009, 17 pages.

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